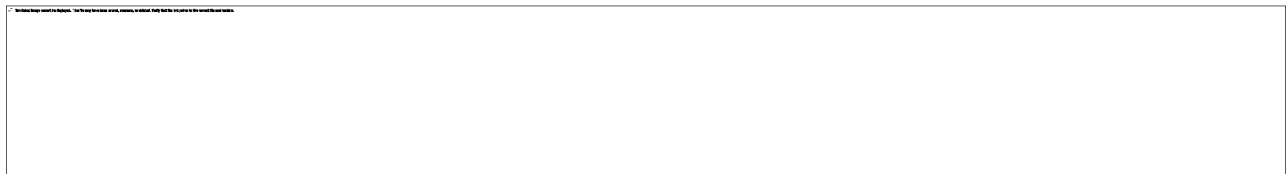
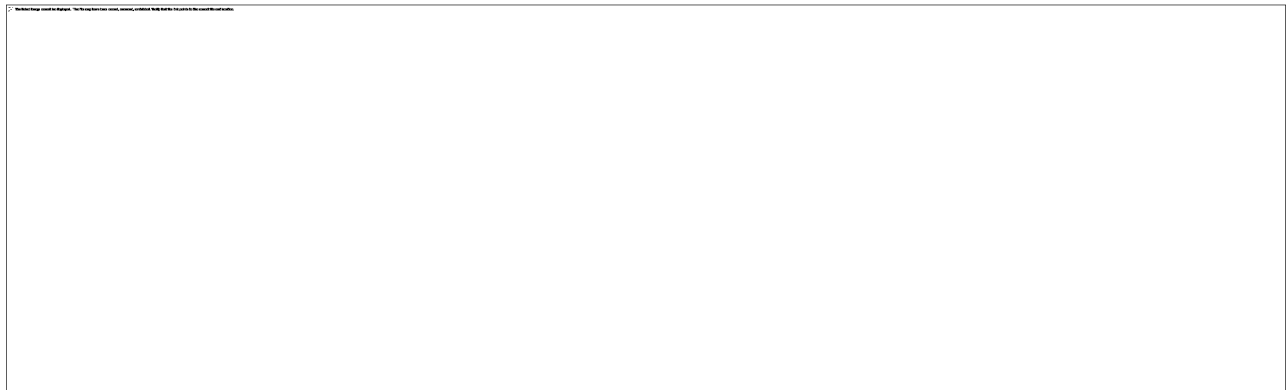


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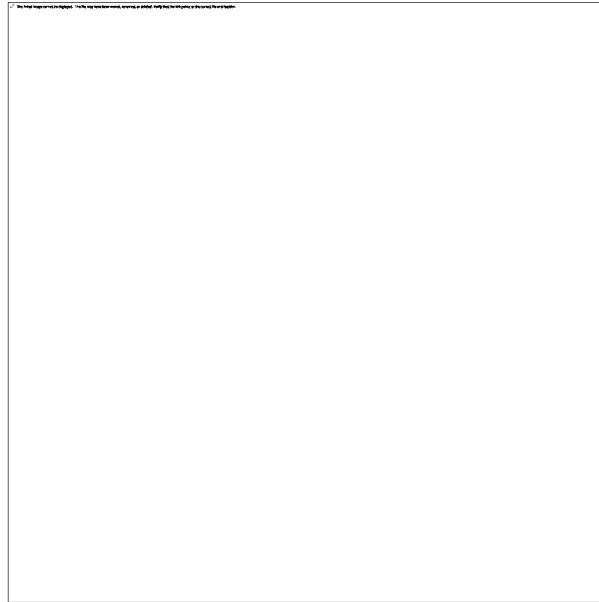
*This year may be remembered as one of the most productive years for the Nevada Legislature's Interim Finance Committee – and one of the most consequential for Nevada residents. This week, we've made major investments into our state's health care workforce, housing and our school children during the Nevada Legislature's final Interim Finance Meeting of 2022. I am deeply grateful to the lawmakers for their diligent work to approve programs I put forward and for the work of State employees to bring forward these spending proposals which will have immediate and lasting effects for Nevadans from housing to food security and so many topics in between.*

*The committee approved a number of notable initiatives, including \$28 million to support an additional year of universal free school meals for Nevada school children during the 2023-2024 school year, \$10 million to support the creation of the College of Medicine at Roseman*

*University, \$11 million to create more affordable housing in the Historic Westside of Las Vegas and more than \$35 million to pay back State employees who were furloughed in 2021. Learn more about the projects approved [here](#).*

*Thank you,  
Governor Sisolak*

### Answering Nevada's Questions



The Nevada Department & Health and Human Services and the Governor's Office for New Americans (ONA) would like to bring awareness to Nevadans that on December 23, 2022, the Department of Homeland Security's final rule on Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility will go into effect. And in doing so, USCIS will no longer be applying the public charge inadmissibility statute consistent with the 1999 Intern Field Guidance.

In other words, USCIS is no longer considering an applicant's receipt of Medicaid (except for long-term institutionalization at the government's expense), public housing, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits as part of the public charge inadmissibility determination. To clarify:

This new public charge rule will affect:

- All Non-Citizens seeking admission to the United States on immigrant or nonimmigrant visas
- Non-Citizens within the United States who are seeking to adjust their status to lawful permanent resident
- Non-Citizens within the United States who hold a non-immigrant visa and seek to extend their stay or change to a different nonimmigrant classification

Benefits Considered for Public Charge Under New Rule:

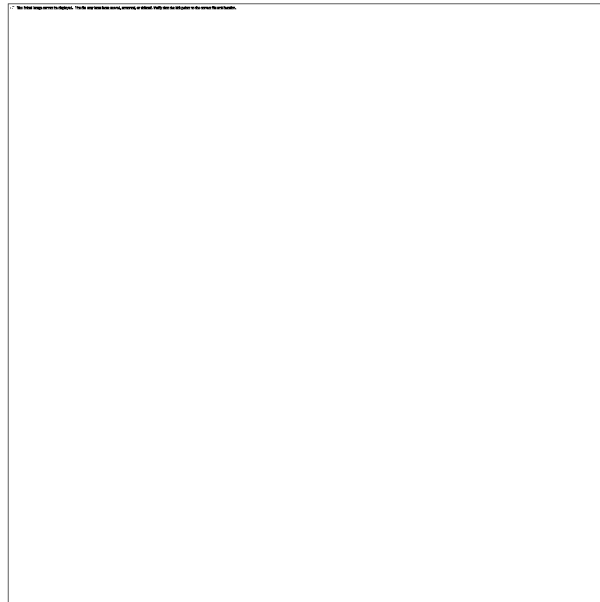
- Any federal, state, local or tribal cash assistance for income maintenance
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- Long Term use of institutional Services (Sec. 1905 (a) of the Social Security Act)

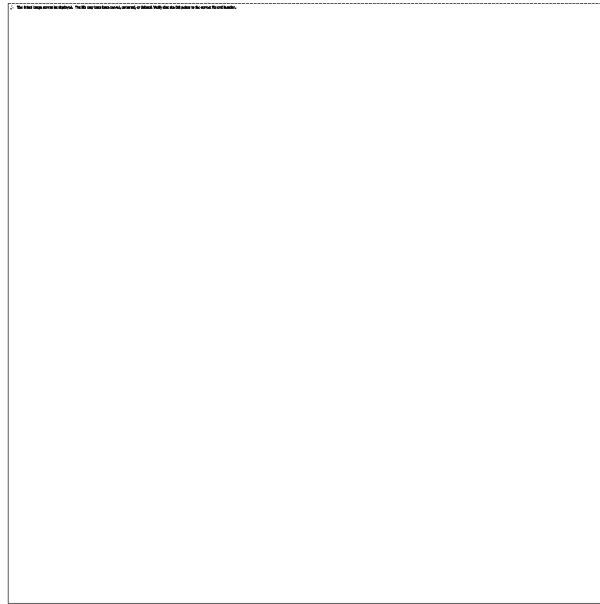
Benefits NOT Considered for Public Charge Under New Rule:

- Vaccines or public benefits specifically related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
- Financial Assistance (subsidies or tax credits to offset premiums) obtained through Nevada Healthlink
- Section 8 and Section 9 housing assistance programs
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or other nutrition programs
- Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) also known as Nevada Check Up
- Federally Funded Medicaid programs (except the use of long-term institutional services)

For further information, visit [USCIS' Public Charge Resources webpage](#).



**This Week's Nevada Small Business Spotlight: Concierge Wellness Center**



At Concierge Wellness Center, patients have access to a dedicated medical team who gets to know them individually. This Las Vegas-based medical practice provides in-house lab services, regenerative medicine treatments, and primary care physician services, to name a few.

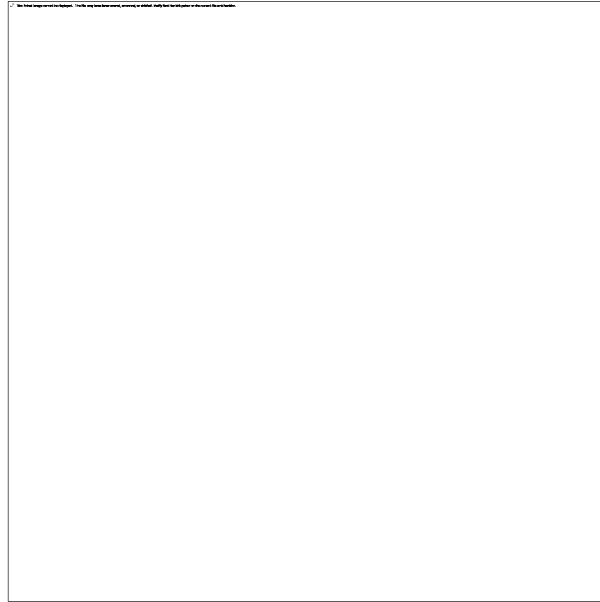
Concierge Wellness Center was founded by Dr. Christopher Choi with the goal of optimizing patient's health and treating each patient with the best personalized care possible. To achieve that goal, patients receive a yearly executive wellness exam, ample time for each visit, prompt appointments, telemedicine, and after-hour availability to Dr. Choi for emergencies.

To book an appointment at Concierge Wellness Center, patients can call into the clinic to speak with a team member directly. Someone is always available to answer once the phone rings, instead of a voice recording system.

For more information, visit their website at [www.cwclv.com](http://www.cwclv.com) and follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

### Resources for Nevadans

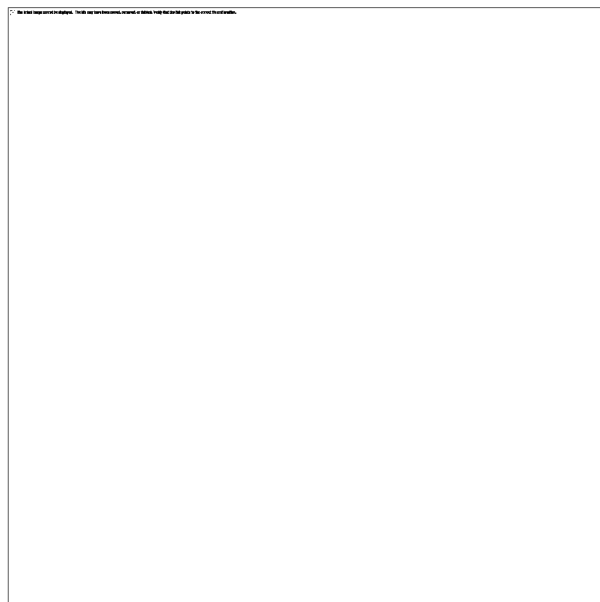
#### DMV Unveils Two New Conveniences



The Department of Motor Vehicles has added two new features to DMV online services. Nevadans who apply for a driver's license, ID card or driver authorization card can now track the card's progress through final approval, production and mailing. More than 500 customers per week contact the DMV to ask for the status of their license. They can now look up their license through MyDMV, allowing our call center and other staff to serve customers with more-complex questions.

The second new feature will help in the same way but reach many more customers. A self-help chat feature is scheduled to debut on the DMV websites Friday, December 16. About 161,000 people per week visit the DMV main website. Nearly all of them could benefit from the new "chatbot". Powered by artificial intelligence, the chatbot is one of the first results of the four-year Department Transformation Effort to rebuild the DMV on the Salesforce customer relationship platform. See [dmv.nv.gov/dmvfuture](http://dmv.nv.gov/dmvfuture).

**There's Only One Month Left of Open Enrollment. The Time to Enroll in Health Insurance is Now!**



The deadline to enroll in health coverage through Nevada Health Link is quickly approaching. For those that have yet to enroll, it is important to know that to be insured by January 1, 2023, you must enroll between now and December 31, 2022, and for those that enroll between January 1 and January 15, coverage will begin February 1, 2023.

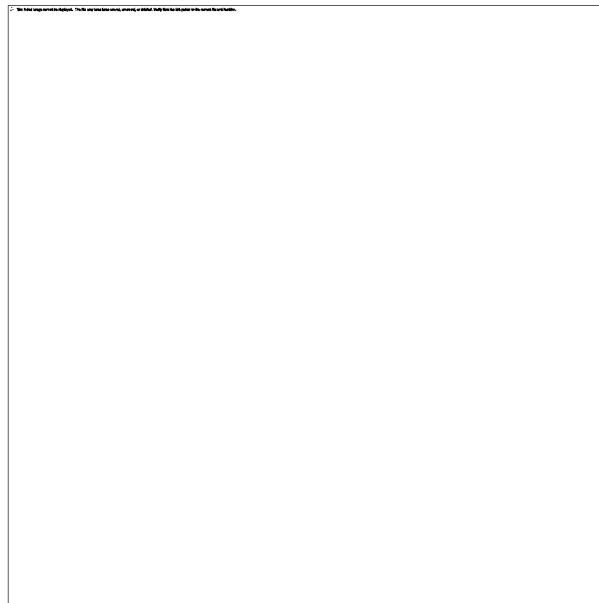
Nevada Health Link is the only place in the state where Nevadans can get access to subsidies (federal financial assistance) to lower the monthly premium, and still receive quality coverage through name-brand carriers. There are 2 easy ways to start the enrollment process:

→ Self Service: Fill out a few questions about your income and your household make-up on the [online form](#). You will then be directed to many plan options to choose from, based on your individual budget and needs.

→ Get FREE Assistance: Work with a licensed enrollment professional to choose a plan that best fits your needs. Use the [look-up tool](#) to find free assistance near you.

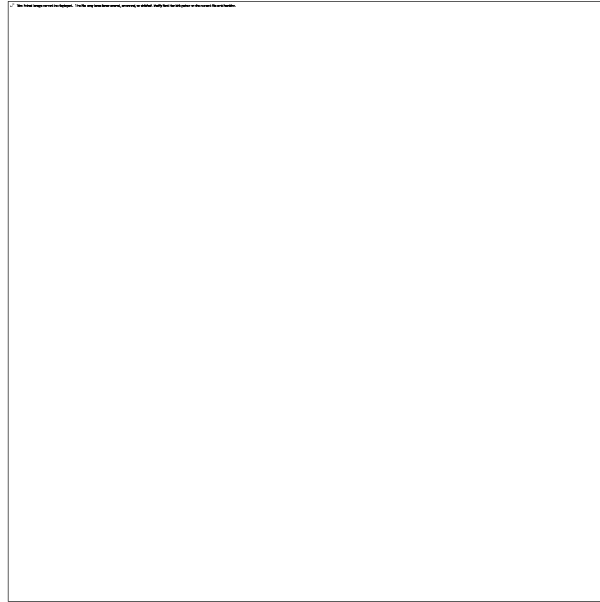
If you have questions or just need help understanding how to get started, give Nevada Health Link a call at 1-800-547-2927, 7 days a week, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Find your plan today: <https://www.nevadahealthlink.com/open-enrollment/>

## Fishing Licenses Available Through Winter Season



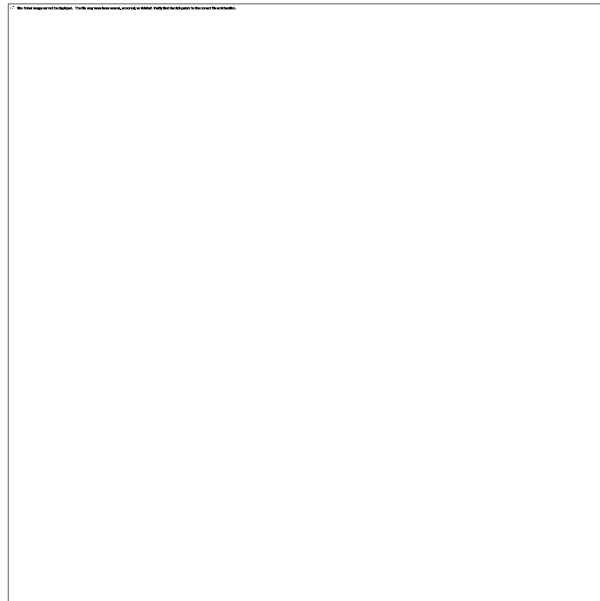
Just because it is winter doesn't mean it's time to put away your fishing pole! Whether you're interested in ice fishing in eastern Nevada, fishing for warmwater species, like bass, in southern Nevada, or casting a line in a river in western Nevada, the Silver State has it all when it comes to fishing opportunities! The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) reminds you that licenses are now valid for one year from the date of purchase, so if you purchase a license today it will still be valid in summer 2023, through fall and into next winter! Buy your fishing or hunting/fishing combination license at [ndowlicensing.com](http://ndowlicensing.com). Don't forget to use NDOW's FishNV tool to find waters near you here: <https://www.fish.wildlifenv.com/>

## Nevada Resilience Project Offers Mental Health Resources



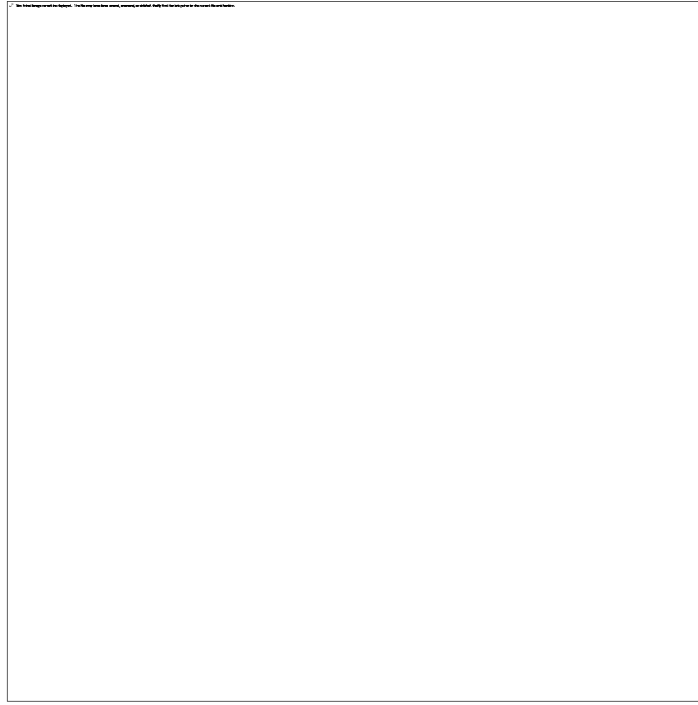
The Nevada Resilience Project supports individuals, families, and communities experiencing struggles and behavioral health challenges. Our Resilience Ambassadors can provide support and connection to resources over the phone, through text or video-chat, or face-to-face. We offer bilingual access to services; assistance navigating to needed resources in your community; help in stress management; tools to build coping skills, and developing a resilience plan.

### **988 Lifeline Offers Support from Crisis Counselors, Available 24/7**



Too many people are experiencing suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need. Yet, there is hope. The 988 Lifeline helps thousands of struggling people overcome suicidal crisis or mental-health related distress every day. Available 24/7/365, you can call, text, or chat 988 and be connected to a crisis counselor right away.

### **Nevadans Reminded of COVID-19 Resources**



The Nevada Health Response wants to remind Nevadans to take steps to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 and prevent spread. COVID-19 vaccines and booster doses are available in locations statewide and can protect against serious infection. Pre-exposure medication or oral antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments are available to those that are eligible soon after infection occurs. .

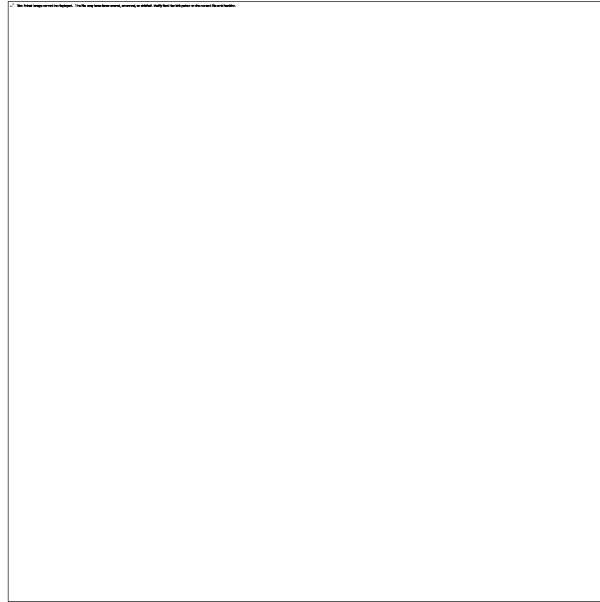
Resources available to help Nevadans mitigate the risk of COVID-19:

- **Get vaccinated against COVID-19.** Learn about the vaccines available, and where and how to get your vaccination appointment at [NVCOVIDFighter.com](https://www.nvcovidfighter.com) or call the vaccine hotline at 800-401-0946.
- **Get tested if you are exposed or have symptoms.** If you have symptoms or know that you have been exposed to COVID-19, get tested to prevent disease spread. Learn more about testing clinics, or free at-home tests available for pickup at <https://www.nvcovidfighter.org/find-test>
- **Learn about therapeutics.** COVID-19 treatment appointments can be made through Nevada's hotline at 800-401-0946. The hotline can help determine if you are eligible for oral antivirals or monoclonal antibody treatments after infection or for pre-exposure medication to increase immune response if you were to be infected in the future. The pre-screening can also be done online at [NevadaCOVIDTreatment.com](https://NevadaCOVIDTreatment.com)

### Getting to Know Your State Government

Nevada Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Division of Museums and History





The best way to get to know the Division of Museums and History is to go see them! And the holidays are a great time to do just that - with fun family-friendly activities at each location. Each museum has a gift shop to find unique and Nevada-related gifts for your shopping list.

#### Nevada State Museum, Carson City

- HOURS: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.
- ADMISSION: \$10 Adults, Free for children 17 & under and members
- LOCATION: 600 N. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701
- CURRENT EXHIBITS: Visit on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and meet a curator and learn more about items in the State's collection of artifacts. [Click here for current exhibits.](#)

#### Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas

- HOURS: Thursday to Monday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. [Click here for ticket info.](#)
- LOCATION: 309 S. Valley View Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107 on the campus of the Springs Preserve, across the street from Meadows Mall.
- CURRENT EXHIBITS: In collaboration with the Nevada Museum of Art, the NSMLV has an exhibit on Architect Paul Revere Williams with photos from Janna Ireland. [Click here for more information.](#)

#### Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City

- HOURS: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Monday.
- ADMISSION: \$8 Adults, Free for children 17 & under and members
- LOCATION: 2180 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701
- CURRENT EVENTS: "Santa Train," last weekend is December 17 and 18. The train rides, which last approximately 20 minutes, are available from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Santa and other children's activities. [Click here for current exhibits.](#)

#### Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City

- HOURS: Daily 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Train Rides Saturdays and Sundays)
- ADMISSION: Open-air Pavilion is free. Train Rides are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and group rates are available.
- LOCATION: 601 Yucca Street, Boulder City, NV 89005

- CURRENT EVENTS: Santa Express Rides (day) and Santa Trains (evening) through December 22 ([check website for schedule](#)).

#### East Ely Railroad Depot Museum

- HOURS: Daily 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Monday – Saturday) and 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Sunday)
- ADMISSION: FREE for museum members
- LOCATION: 1100 Avenue A, Ely, Nevada 89301
- CURRENT EXHIBITS: Step back in time to see railroading as it was. [Click here for more information](#).

#### Nevada Historical Society

- HOURS: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. (Research Library: Wed-Fri, noon -4:00 p.m.)
- ADMISSION: Adults \$6, free for children and members
- LOCATION: 1650 North Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89503, on the campus of the University of Nevada.
- CURRENT EXHIBITS: The exhibit “Geographical Divides: Finding Common Ground” examines Nevada’s unique visual culture. [Click here for more information](#).

#### Lost City Museum

- HOURS: Wednesday through Sunday 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
- ADMISSION: \$6 for adults, free for children 17 and under, and museum members
- LOCATION: 721 S Moapa Valley Blvd, Overton, NV 89040
- CURRENT EXHIBITS: The photography of William Willis & Virginia Lucas showcases the landscape, animals, and architecture of Nevada. [Click here for more information](#).

### **About the Division of Museums and History**

The Division of Museums and History’s mission is to support and manage the network of seven state museums throughout the state to preserve the state’s history and culture for Nevadans now and in the future. For more information and links to each of the museums, visit <https://nvmuseums.org/>.



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